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**ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF
ROBERT PANARA THEATRE
'I LOVE YOU' STAMP CEREMONY
Tuesday, September 21, 1993
9 a.m.**

(Dr. Castle approaches the lectern.)

Welcome Dr. William Castle
 Vice President for Government Relations, RIT
 Director, NTID

Dr. Castle:

**GOOD MORNING. IT IS MY PLEASURE AND PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME
YOU TO THIS VERY SPECIAL CEREMONY RECOGNIZING THE FIRST DAY
OF ISSUE IN ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, OF THE "I LOVE YOU" STAMPS.**

**OUR INTERPRETER TODAY IS RICHARD SMITH. THE REAL TIME
CAPTIONING IS BEING PROVIDED BY LINDA MILLER.**

**IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU FATHER BUTCH
MOTHERSELL WHO WILL GIVE THE INVOCATION. WOULD YOU PLEASE
RISE FOR THE INVOCATION AND REMAIN STANDING FOR THE
NATIONAL ANTHEM.**

(Dr. Castle steps back as Father Mothersell rises and moves to the lectern.)

Invocation Father Butch Mothersell
 Chaplain, RIT

INVOCATION

(Father Mothersell returns to his seat as the National Anthem begins.)

National Anthem RIT Concert Band
 Director, Robert Mowers

(At the end of the National Anthem, the curtain closes, and Dr. Castle steps up to the lectern.)

Dr. Castle:

PLEASE BE SEATED. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE RIT CONCERT BAND, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ROBERT MOWERS AND DIANE HABEEB, FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S CEREMONY.

TODAY MARKS THE CULMINATION OF MANY MONTHS OF HARD WORK ON THE PART OF MANY PEOPLE AT NTID, THE ROCHESTER SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, THE ROCHESTER POST OFFICE, AND IN WASHINGTON D.C.

AS WE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE "I LOVE YOU" STAMPS, WE WERE HOPEFUL THAT ROCHESTER WOULD BE SELECTED AT THE SITE FOR THE NATIONAL FIRST DAY OF ISSUE. WE WROTE TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, MARVIN RUNYON. WE ASKED OUR POSTMASTER IN ROCHESTER FOR HIS HELP. WE ASKED OUR REPRESENTATIVES AND FORMER REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON FOR THEIR HELP AND AS YOU KNOW BURBANK, CALIFORNIA, WAS SELECTED.

HOWEVER, IN LATE JUNE IN RESPONSE TO THESE EFFORTS, WE LEARNED THAT THE STAMPS WOULD BE ISSUED DURING DEAF AWARENESS WEEK AND THAT WE HAD BEEN GRANTED THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING THIS SPECIAL SECOND DAY CEREMONY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE STAMPS AT NTID TODAY.

AT THIS TIME WE BEGAN WORKING WITH DR. HAROLD MOWL, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ROCHESTER SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF,

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MICHAEL BICKEL AT THE ROCHESTER POST OFFICE, AND TOM
FORTUNATO OF THE ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION TO PUT
INTO MOTION ALL THAT IS HAPPENING TODAY.

IT IS FITTING THAT ROCHESTER WAS GRANTED THIS PRIVILEGE SINCE
THE CITY HAS THE LARGEST PER CAPITA DEAF POPULATION IN THE
NATION. THIS IS LARGEY BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF 1,100 DEAF
STUDENTS ENROLLED AT RIT, NTID ALUMNI WHO HAVE REMAINED IN
ROCHESTER BECAUSE OF ITS ACCESSIBILITY TO DEAF PEOPLE, AND
BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE FOR MANY YEARS OF THE ROCHESTER
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

NOW I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE SOME GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
WHO ARE IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY.

ASSEMBLYMAN GERALD JOHNSON
REPRESENTING REPRESENTATIVE LOUISE SLAUGHTER--MARY EATON
REPRESENTING SENATOR MARY ELLEN JONES--BERNARD HURWITZ
AND REPRESENTING SENATOR ALPHONSE D'AMATO--JOAN MUELLER

FRANK HORTON, FORMER MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS,
WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESS OF THIS VENTURE HAD
PLANNED TO BE WITH US TODAY; HOWEVER COMMITMENTS IN
WASHINGTON PREVENT HIS ATTENDANCE. I WOULD LIKE TO READ
SOME EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER I RECEIVED YESTERDAY.

(Dr. Castle reads some of Frank Hortons letter.)

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**"IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THIS CEREMONY BE HELD AT RIT, THE
LOCATION OF NTID, AND AT THE TIME OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NTID....**

**I AM HAPPY AND HONORED THAT AT YOUR REQUEST, I HAD A SMALL
PART IN SELECTING THE DATE AND SITE OF THIS SPECIAL NATIONAL
RELEASE....**

**THE "I LOVE YOU" STAMPS ARE SIGNIFICANT IN AMERICA'S
RECOGNITION OF THE GREAT STRIDES THIS COUNTRY AND NTID HAVE
MADE TO HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF TAKE THEIR PLACE IN OUR
COMMUNITIES, OUR NATION, AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD....**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE,
ESECIALLY THE ROCHESTER POST OFFICE, THE ROCHESTER SCHOOL FOR
THE DEAF, THE ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, AND NTID FOR
PLANNING THIS VERY SPECIAL OCCASION."**

**NOW I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE POSTMASTER OF THE CITY OF
ROCHESTER FOR THE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT HE HAS GIVEN THIS
PROJECT, AND ASK HIM TO SAY A FEW WORDS. JOHN MONTAGUE.**

(Dr. Castle returns to his seat)

John Montague
Postmaster, Rochester, New York

MR. MONTAGUE SPEAKS

(Mr. Montague returns to his seat when he is finished speaking and Dr. Castle returns to the lectern)

Dr. Castle:

THANK YOU MR. MONTAGUE

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THE ROCHESTER SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF
OUR MANY PARTNERS IN PROJECTS RELATED TO DEAF AWARENESS.
WHEN NTID WAS OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE SITE FOR THE
RELEASE OF THE STAMP IN ROCHESTER ON SEPTEMBER 21, WE
IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED DR. HAROLD MOWL, RSD'S
SUPERINTENDENT, AND ASKED HIM TO BE A PART OF THE
CELEBRATION. DR. HAROLD MOWL.

(Dr. Castle returns to his seat as Dr. Mowl approaches the lectern.)

Dr. Harold Mowl Jr.
Superintendent, Rochester School for the Deaf

DR. MOWL'S COMMENTS

(Dr. Mowl returns to his seat and Dr. Castle returns to the lectern.)
Dr. Castle:

THANK YOU DR. MOWL...

**I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE LARGE GROUP OF RSD STUDENTS
AND THEIR TEACHERS. WOULD YOU PLEASE RISE.)**

**DR. ALBERT SIMONE, THE PRESIDENT OF ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY, IS WITH US THIS MORNING AND I'D LIKE HIM TO SAY A
FEW WORDS.**

(Dr. Castle steps away as Dr. Simone moves to the lectern.)

Dr. Albert Simone
President RIT

DR SIMONE'S COMMENTS

(Dr. Simone returns to his seat and Dr. Castle returns to the lectern.)

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Dr. Castle:

THANK YOU DR. SIMONE.

WITH US TODAY ARE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION. THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY HELPFUL TO THE NTID STAFF MEMBERS AS THEY PREPARED FOR TODAY. IN ADDITION TO THEIR PRESIDENT WHO YOU WILL HEAR FROM SHORTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK TOM FORTUNATO, THE VICE PRESIDENT, TO RISE AND BE RECOGNIZED. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP, TOM.

NOW I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, NORMAN WRIGHT, SR.

(Dr. Castle steps away as Mr. Wright approaches the lectern.)

Norman Wright Sr.
President, Rochester Philatelic Association

MR. WRIGHT'S COMMENTS

(Dr. Castle returns to the lectern as Mr. Wright finishes.)

Dr. Castle:

THANK YOU, MR. WRIGHT.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THIS YEAR WE ARE CELEBRATING NTID'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF EDUCATING DEAF STUDENTS. EDUCATION IS WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT AND IT IS THE REASON THAT WE WANTED TO BE A PART OF THE RELEASE OF A PAIR OF STAMPS THAT WOULD BRING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT DEAF STUDENTS LEARN AND SUCCEED AT NTID.

I ASKED TWO OF OUR STUDENTS ARE TO BE WITH US TODAY AND
TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

ARKADY BELOZOVSKY, PRESIDENT OF THE NTID STUDENT CONGRESS.

(As Arkady Belozovsky approaches the lectern, Dr. Castle steps away.)

Arkady Belozovsky
President, NTID Student Congress

ARKADY BELOZOVSKY'S: "I'M APPLAUDING THIS RECOGNITION OF THE WORLD DEAF COMMUNITY WITH THE ISSUING OF THE I LOVE YOU STAMP. I HOPE THIS STAMP IS WORTH ITS VALUE IN GOLD SINCE IT IS THE FIRST STAMP IN DEAF HISTORY THAT SHOWS A SIGN IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE. IT IS MY HEARTFELT WISH THAT THIS STAMP WILL BRING UNDERSTANDING AND PRIDE TO ALL ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF DEAF CULTURE.

(As Mr. Belozovsky returns to his seat, Dr. Castle returns to the lectern.)

Dr. Castle:

**THANK YOU ARKADY
AND NOW I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE ROBERT RICE, A STUDENT DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR COORDINATOR AT NTID. ROB.**

(As Rice approaches the lectern, Dr. Castle steps away.)

MR. RICE'S COMMENTS

(As Rice returns to his seat, Dr. Castle returns to the lectern for final comments and directions.)

Dr. Castle:

THANK YOU ROB...

BEFORE WE LEAVE THE THEATRE, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU SOME INFORMATION.

- **A TEMPORARY POST OFFICE HAS BEEN SET UP IN THE STREET OUTSIDE THE THEATRE. POSTAL EMPLOYEES WILL BE SELLING THE STAMPS, WHICH MAY BE PURCHASED IN PAIRS OR SINGLY AT THE USUAL COST FOR A FIRST CLASS STAMP.**

- **NTID HAS DESIGNED A SPECIAL CACHET (ENVELOPE) THAT RECOGNIZES WHAT IS DONE HERE, THAT IS, EDUCATE STUDENTS. THESE ENVELOPES ARE FREE WHEN YOU PURCHASE ONE OR MORE STAMPS.**

- **POSTAL EMPLOYEES WILL ALSO CANCEL THE STAMPS WITH A CANCELLATION THAT WAS ESPECIALLY DESIGNED TO COMMEMORATE NTID'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY.**

- **IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO AFFIX STAMPS TO AN ENVELOPE, THEY MAY BE PLACED IN THE INSIDE LEFT SIDE OF YOUR PROGRAMS AND ALSO CANCELED.**

- **THE LINES MAY BE LONG AND WE HAVE PROVIDED SOME REFRESHMENT FOR YOU TO ENJOY WHILE YOU WAIT FOR YOUR TURN TO PURCHASE STAMPS.**

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- YOU MAY WISH TO VISIT THE DISPLAYS SET UP BY THE ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, SOME STAMP DEALERS, AND THE EXHIBIT OF EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER STAMPS FROM THE COLLECTION OF RIT PROFESSOR MARK PITERMAN.

 - THE I LOVE YOU STAMP HAS BEEN IMPRINTED ON T-SHIRTS AND THEY TOO WILL BE SOLD IN THE STREET BY NTID STUDENTS. TODAY ONLY SIZES LARGE AND EXTRA-LARGE ARE AVAILABLE BUT ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN FOR OTHER SIZES.

THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY AND CELEBRATING WITH US. AND NOW WE WILL ADJOURN TO THE STREET AND THE MANY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE WAITING FOR ALL OF US.